

LEAVE NO WEEDS

PLEASE HELP US PROTECT OUR WILD PLACES BY PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE PLANTS

WHY ARE THEY BAD?

Invasive plants are exotic plants that crowd out native vegetation. They upset the delicate balance of nature and spoil our beautiful landscapes. These invasive plants:

- Decrease diversity
- Degrade wildlife and fish habitat
- Reduce water quality
- Increase soil erosion
- Reduce recreation opportunities

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Be Aware & Prepare

- Clean and check your clothing, footwear, packs, camping gear, ORVs, vehicles and trailers for weed seeds
- Brush animals before and after backcountry trips to remove weed seeds
- Feed stock certified weed free feed several days before and during your trip
- Learn to identify invasive plants found in this area (contact your local weed board or extension office)

Protect Weed Free Areas

- Stay on established roads and trails
- Keep dogs on leash
- Camp only at existing campsites
- Avoid traveling or camping in weed infested areas
- Avoid disturbing vegetation and soil

Report It!

- Report small or new weed infestations to the responsible land management agency or landowner
- Bring in a sample for identification
- Report locations of weed infestations found in wilderness areas on wilderness registration forms



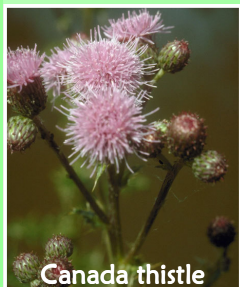
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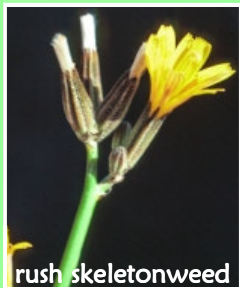
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Canada thistle



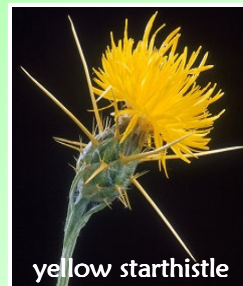
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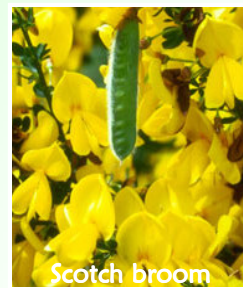
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yellow starthistle



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Scotch broom